

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 18-25 are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Currently, claims 1-9 and 11-16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Newly added claims 20 and 21 replace claims 15 and 16, respectively. The foregoing amendments place the application in better condition for allowance and are similar to the claims suggested by the Examiner in a facsimile sent to Mr. Karl Sidor on March 25, 2004. Newly added claims 22-25, specify that the personal care article of the process is a sanitary napkin. This is supported by the specification at various locations, for example, page 1, lines 24-25.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for her correction of the amendment filed on January 14, 2004 to place the amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 and the correction of the specification by removing quotation marks around the description of the letters used in the drawings. Accordingly, it will be unnecessary to make these corrections.

The Examiner objects to the drawings for various reasons. First, the Examiner states that no replacement sheets for Figures 1D' and 1E were filed. Further, the Examiner states that Figures 2A-4 were not photomicrographs. Filed herewith are replacement drawings for Figures 1D' and 1E along with corrected photomicrographs of Figures 2A-4. Hence, the attached drawings should overcome this objection.

In a new objection, the Examiner objected to Figures for the following reasons:

1. The engagement members 56 are incorrectly denoted in the drawings. This has been corrected in the drawings of Figures 1D and 1D'.
2. In Figure 1E, a line from the right of 36 should be provided. This has been corrected in Figure 1E.
3. 70 and 72 should be shown as a dashed line. This has been corrected in Figure 1D' and Figure 5A.
4. Figures 5A-5C are very light. New Figures 5A-5C are submitted herewith.
5. Quotation marks should not be used. The quotation marks have been removed from all figures.

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6. In Figure 5A, 70' is not denoted. The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error, i.e. "70" has been changed to -70- on page 7.

In a further new objection to the drawings, the Examiner finds that the features of claims 8, 9 and 11-14 are not shown in the drawings. These claims have been canceled; hence, rendering this objection moot.

The Examiner objected to claims 1-9, 11-16, 18 and 19 as containing informalities. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing claims are free of any informalities noted by the Examiner. For example, in claim 20, line 10, the Examiner's suggestion of using "each first" has been adopted. Applicants believe that all of the Examiner's suggestions have been adopted.

Claims 1-9, 11-16, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which is regarded as the invention. This rejection is respectfully **traversed** to the extent that it may apply to the present claims.

In response to this rejection, Applicants again point out that claims 1-9, and 11-16 have been canceled. In addition, newly added claims 20 and 21 are nearly similar to the claim language the Examiner indicated in her facsimile of March 25, 2004 to be allowable. It is respectfully submitted that claims 18-25 are free of any rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101, 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103 are rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-9 and 11-16. This group of rejections were not applied to the process claims, formerly claims 15, 16, 18 and 19, now claims 18-25. Further, the Examiner indicated on page 9 of the April 5, 2005 Office Action, paragraph number 17, that claims 15-19 were distinguishable over the prior art. Therefore, Applicants will not comment on these rejections since this group of rejections were not applied to the process claims, which are the only claims pending in this application.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims are in form for allowance.

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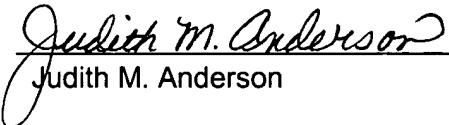
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